



## *RRT VI SEMI - ANNUAL MEETING*

### *27 - 28 JUNE, 2006*

An Executive Secretariat Meeting was held the afternoon of 26 June, 2006.

RRT VI Meeting was opened by Craig Carroll, EPA and Cmdr. Nathalie Valley, USCG. Attendees introduced themselves. The agenda was reviewed.

#### **MEETING NOTES:**

- **Avian Flu Planning : Jean Bennett; (via Telephone) Dr. Steve Harris, CDC Quarantine Medical Officer, (Houston)**

Concerns were presented regarding Avian Flu potential of reaching pandemic proportions. Avian Flu is transmitted from bird to human, and subsequently from human to human. An outbreak could follow the migratory bird pathway. The current widespread outbreak is already in 48 countries and has a 57% fatality rate. Symptoms of bird flu are like those of regular influenza. Time of year is an indicator of whether the flu could be avian or not. Planning for pandemic flu in this country will necessarily be impacted by the Local decision making process. Networking between each community's stakeholders will have a high degree of impact as well.

See full presentation on the RRT website  
For more information visit

<http://www.epaosc.net/rrt2006spring>  
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

- **Liquid Storage Tanks damaged by Hurricanes : Cmdr. Nathalie Valley, USCG**

Determine necessary preventative measures for extreme weather events. Observed and reported that due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ASTs were moved off their foundations. Concerns:

1. How can Industry partners assist the RRT in developing guidelines in this regard?
  - a. If tanks are drained, where can they be drained to?
  - b. Should tanks need to be filled with water, how decanted after the event?
  - c. What preparations and allowed time to fill a tank with water?
2. Does an agency need to enforce standards?
3. What standards are now in place? ASTM standards?
4. What are the considerations and expectations for acceptable preliminary efforts?
  - a. Preventative Measures?
  - b. Construction Standards?
5. Who says what to DO?

Motion by Craig Carroll, Second by Jeff Meyers, approved and assigned further study and research to Science & Technology Committee. Jeff Meyers will give Presentation at next RRT Meeting on information gathered, lessons learned to this point.

#### **ACTION ITEM: Science and Technology Committee**

- Determine Industry "best practices". John Temperilli, IWG Chair, will research the State of Florida program.
- Compare results of "Failed" Tanks versus "Successful" Tanks and document.
- Jeff Meyers will also present Orphan Container data / information at next RRT Meeting.

- **STATE REPORTS: AR / LA / NM / OK / TX**

#### **Arkansas:**

Conducting dialogue of "All Hazards" with each of the State's LEPCs to encourage LEPC involvement and activity. There are 77 LEPCs, 30 of which are Active, more are beginning effort. NIMS / ICS Training is being conducting throughout Arkansas.

**Louisiana:**

State will reach a milestone on 30 June 2006 when ESF-10 function decreases; EPA will reside with DEQ. House demolition is the major area of concern and function right now. All emergency management has been reduced because of the hurricane interruption of normal operations. Louisiana recognizes the need for interagency assistance for the hurricane relief.

1. Barge issues in Port of Baton Rouge (Old issue renewed now that normalcy is returning).
2. Ozone problem in non-attainment area possibly from the barges. (Old issue renewed now that normalcy is returning).
3. NIMS requirements need to be revisited.

**New Mexico:**

The HAZMAT challenge is coming up at the end of July. The new State HAZMAT Coordinator is Ron Breland, replacing Don Shainin. Ron will be publishing a bi-weekly newsletter, HAZCOM, for the New Mexico Emergency Managers, LEPCs, and the Hazardous Materials Community. 27 organizations in New Mexico have received equipment from CTEP awards. The State is trying to move to the E-Plan. New Mexico has been divided into Regions for DHS monies. Issues:

1. Can they get on the list for the newsletter?
2. Don Armstrong would like to schedule an exercise with LANL & DOE having everyone in communication.

**Oklahoma:**

Current Issues: Every jurisdiction is required to have an Evacuation Plan. How does the State of Oklahoma plan to evacuate the entire State? The areas that are prone to flooding do currently have an evacuation plan. The National Plan Review for the State and nationwide has been found to be only partially sufficient. There are many people reviewing the existing plans. There were two (2) large HAZMAT incidents for Oklahoma:

- The Wynnewood Refinery, which involved hydrogen fluoride
- City of Atoka, which involved sulfuric acid.

Of the Eighty (80) LEPCs, only 20 are Active. The State is supplying four (4) scholarships for Oklahoma attendees for the HOTZONE Conference. The State is giving money to LEPCs to help with Tier 2 Filing. The ODEQ must now certify HAZMAT clean-up contractors per State order as of 1 NOV 2006. Big issue on how this will be accomplished. (May set a State standard for review by other states).

- There may be potential Liabilities to consider when Certification is required.
- Clean-up Contractors Must "office" in the State of Oklahoma if they wish to conduct business in this regard inside the State of Oklahoma.
- Possible Impact on Cost for clean-up activities.

**Texas:**

The State of Texas is having problems with Document Formats, and the Documentation Process(es). The system is presently being revisited looking to improve functionality of the Format(s) and also improving the process as well. The "Zeus" project identifies an issue with abandoned vessel authority. The abandoned vessel, which is structurally unsound, is presently located in the Freeport Ship Channel

- If the vessel fails it could cause a hazard that could shutdown the ship channel.
- Ownership is undetermined to frequent the sale of the vessel.

TGLO has responded to two (2) oil spills in June due to rainfall. The RRC commissioner has taken a new position and they are under TxDOT now. The RRC has cleaned up 128 sites and are currently helping the fuel group develop a statewide evacuation plan regarding fuel supply locations.

- **Revitalization of Action Items from Previous Meetings:**

**Response Committee:**

1. Each State needs to designate a POLREP Addressee to the EPA for POLREP notification.
2. A Work Group will be established to inventory the existing pre-approval plans from Regions 6 and other Regions.
3. Brochure has been developed and distributed.

**Preparedness Committee:**

RRT Executive Secretariat voted to place the IWG under the Preparedness Committee. A workgroup has been established to develop an on-line HAZWOPER Awareness training. There will be a discussion of Homeland Security Information Network at the next RRT.

Issues:

1. Non-emergency release reports to the NRC.
2. Use of NIMS by Industry under the “new” National Response Plan.

**Science and Technology Committee:**

Michael Baccigalopi with TGLO is the new Chair.

1. Storage Tank Issue, which was previously addressed in the meeting.

**Executive Secretariat:**

1. A workgroup will be formed to develop a DRAFT Strategic Plan using other Regional Plans as a template.

- **NRT / White House / Congressional Lessons Learned application to RRTs:**

General:

- Looking “outside the box” !
- Integrated Worker Safety / Health
- Communication, Information Management

FEMA:

- Developing Pre-Scripted Assignments
- Reimbursement Criteria
- Project Continuation Process

The RRT needs to re-visit the content of the Stafford Act to determine eligibility issues, as well as process issues

- **Poison Control Centers:**

Presentation from Jim Staves / Patrick Young / Dr. Rebecca Gracia / Dr. John Haynes:

See full presentation on the RRT website

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- **USCG Reports:**

Citgo Spill, Lake Charles

Valero Refining Spill, Corpus Christi

MSU Galveston, Morgan City, Sector Lower Mississippi River

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Report of the CITGO Spill, Calcasieu River Basin:

Total SPILL reported	71,000 Barrels ( 2,982,000 gallons )
Spilled into Water	47,400 Barrels ( 1,974,000 gallons )
Residual left inside the Secondary Containment	23,600 Barrels ( 991,200 gallons )

- **ChemTAP (Threat Analysis Planner) Presentation, Carl Childs, NOAA**

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- **CAMEO Update: Next Generation, Angie Mills, EPA START**

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- **Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMAC), Dale Magnin, Oklahoma Emergency Management**

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- **Update on NFPA 472 – Proposed Changes, Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management**
- **SONS '07, Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management**

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**Winter 2006 Meeting to be possibly held in Corpus Christi. Welcome Duncan will provide details to all members as soon as possible.**

**ACTION ITEMS For All RRT Members:**

- Look over changes to the NRP.
- NFPA 472, how will this effect EPA/OSHA compliance?
- RRT members should read the NRT Lessons Learned – Katrina

**Attendees Present:**

Steve Mason (EPA Region 6)  
Mike Goldsworthy (DHS-FEMA)  
Manuel Espinosa (USDOT)  
Joel Ferguson (USCG)  
Carl Childs (NOAA)  
Rupert Chavez  
Michael Hilger (NAVY)  
Glenn Donnahoe (USDA FS)  
John Temperilli (Garner)  
Jeff Llewelyn (TCEQ)  
Jim Staves (EPA Region 6)  
P.G. Maguire (USCG)  
John Boyres  
Kenny Harmon (ADEM)  
Angie Mills (EPA-START)

Craig Carroll (EPA Region 6)  
Michael Baccigalopi (TGLO)  
Keeli Darst (USCG)  
Karolien Dubuschere (LOSCO)  
Bob Coleman  
Alfred Abeita (BIA)  
Amy Merten (NOAA)  
Tim Cummins (USCG)  
John Haynes (Poison Control Center)  
Kim Keel (USCG)  
Bill Meyer (RRC)  
Dale Magnin (OEM)  
Dan Crawford (GSA)  
Matt Orwig (US Attorney Office)  
Bob Wells (EPA-SEE)

Nathalie Valley (USCG)  
Pat Lynch (TGLO)  
J. Brad Wallace (DOE)  
Brienne Connolly (NOAA)  
Michael Parette (ADEQ)  
Karen Price (LDEQ)  
Steve Spencer (DOI)  
Jeff Meyers (LDEQ)  
Patrick Young (ATSDR)  
Rebeca Gracia (North Texas Poison Center)  
Annabeth Lee (USACE)  
Ron Breland (NMDPS)  
Stacey Crecy (USCG)  
Jean Bennett (DHHS)  
Steve Hamm (Weston).